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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM) is proposing an administrative No Further Action (NFA) decision for Environmental Restoration (ER) Site 188, Bldg. 6597 Above-Ground Containment Spill Tank, Technical Area (TA)-V, Operable Unit 1306.

ER Site 188 was first mentioned in 1987 during SNL/NM personnel interviews. However, there is no hard evidence that the site ever existed, therefore, an NFA determination is proposed for this site.

2.0 HISTORY OF UNIT

The 1987 RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA) identified the above-ground spill-containment tank located near Building 6597 as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) Number 99, although the history, contents, and location of this tank were not known. According to 1987 interviews, SNL/NM personnel stated that they think the tank existed. However, there is no available documentation to confirm the statement. The tank was reportedly a 17,000 gallon steel tank, which may have been underlain by a concrete pad. A recent site reconnaissance failed to locate an above-ground tank, cement pad, or evidence of a release in the designated area. The site has been recommended for removal from the ER Site List (Williamson, 1992).

3.0 EVALUATION OF RELEVANT EVIDENCE

The 1987 RFA description of Site 188 is as follows:

- Sandia personnel stated during the preliminary site investigation that they think an above-ground tank for waste fuel oil storage exists in TA-V. It is reportedly a 17,000 gallon capacity, steel, above-ground spill containment tank. A concrete pad may exist below this tank. The history, location, and contents of this tank are not known.

The only mention of an above-ground tank was during 1987 RFA interviews of previous SNL/NM personnel. No supporting documents, photos, or site plans can be found to confirm the existence of Site 188.

4.0 CONCLUSION

ER Site 188 could not be located in TA-V. The possible existence of the site was first mentioned during personnel interviews conducted during the RFA and information was extremely limited. Because the tank was identified as above-ground, any contamination resulting from it should have been visible on the ground surface. It can only be assumed that if this tank ever existed, any contamination associated with the tank was removed and properly disposed at the time the tank was removed. Because all reasonable efforts have been made to gather information related to the use and location of the purported tank, and because these efforts have resulted in no information, SNL/NM maintains that ER Site 188 was listed in error and proposes that an NFA determination be made.

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REFERENCES

Williamson, L. (Williamson, 1992b). Memorandum to Garcia, D., "Site Reconnaissance Report of ER Site 188 (Above-Ground Spill Containment Tank Near Building 6597 in Technical Area 5) and Recommendation for Removal from ER Site List," March 25, 1992.

Interviews, 1987. Interviews with current and retired Sandia Corporation personnel.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

None